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VISIT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY OF USA
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs of USA visited New Delhi recently;

(b) If so, the discussions held between the two countries; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) Yes, Sir. The US Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Alan Larson, visited New Delhi during 7-9 November, 2002.

(b) His visit provided an opportunity to review progress in India-US economic relations and exchange views on international economic issues.

(c) The two sides agreed to intensify and strengthen the India-U.S. Bilateral Economic Dialogue, comprising the Financial and Economic Forum, Working Group on Trade Policy, Commercial Dialogue, Energy Consultations and Environment Cooperation. During Under Secretary Larson`s visit, an India-U.S. Biotechnology Alliance was launched in partnership with the private sector.